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SUBJECT: BONN ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION

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1. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE BONN SUMMIT COUNTRIES TO
DISCUSS THE DEMARCHE TO THE GOI ON THE ANTI-HIJACKING
DECLARATION TOOK PLACE ON AUGUST 4. IT WAS IMMEDIATELY
APPARENT THAT THE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED HAD GIVEN SLIGHTLY
DIFFERING INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, BUT
THE FOLLOWING BASIC DECISIONS WERE REACHED:

A. THE APPOINTMENT WILL BE REQUESTED IN THE NAMES
OF ALL THE COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH AND ITALIANS
WILL NOT ATTEND.

B. THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, AS ONE OF ONLY TWO
AMBASSADORS PRESENT, WILL BE THE SPOKESMAN. IT WAS AGREED
THAT THE UK AMBASSADOR IS NOT IN THE BEST POSITION TO BE
SPOKESMAN, GIVEN THE STATE OF RELATIONS AND THE FACT
THAT ALL BUT ONE OF HIS STAFF WERE RECENTLY PNG'D.
(THE CANADIAN CHARGE HAS JUST REPLACED HIS
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PNG'D PREDECESSOR, AND USINT'S STATUS ROUNDS
OUT THE PICTURE OF IRAQ'S OVERALL RELATIONS.)

C. THE IRAQIS WILL BE GIVEN A COPY OF THE DECLARATION
WITH A COURTESY TRANSLATION IN WHICH THE WORDING
OF THE FINAL SENTENCE WILL BE MODIFIED SOMEWHAT TO
SOFTEN IT. "URGE" WILL BECOME "SOLICIT", "JOIN"

"ASSOCIATE", AND "COMMITMENT" "UNDERTAKING".

D. AN AIDE MEMOIRE WILL BE LEFT REQUESTING A PUBLIC DECLARATION OF SUPPORT, AS A FALLBACK A VERBAL STATEMENT IS ACCEPTABLE.

E. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT A COUNTRY IS REQUIRED TO TAKE PART IN ENFORCEMENT MEASURES WILL BE FINESSED UNLESS THE IRAQIS PRESS ON THIS POINT.

2. DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR UNTIL THE 29TH, THE MEETING WITH (HOPEFULLY) THE ACTING FON MIN IS BEING REQUESTED FOR THE 30TH OR 31ST.
IF NECESSARY, THE DEMARCHE WILL BE MADE TO AN UNDER SECRETARY.

3. COMMENT: PROPOSALS TO PRESENT THE ISSUE TO THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, SIMPLY SEND IN AN AIDE MEMOIRE, OR LEAVE IT TO EACH COUNTRY TO DO WHATEVER IT WANTED, WERE OVERCOME WITH SOME MINOR DIFFICULTY. USINT TOOK AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE DISCUSSIONS AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE DEMARCHE WILL TAKE PLACE AS PLANNED. AS NOTED IN REF B, THE IRAQIS ARE NOT OPPOSED TO THE GENERAL APPROACH, BUT MAY NOT BE WILLING TO TAKE A PUBLIC STANCE IN SUPPORT.
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